

“Parents Make the Difference”



Parent / Community Involvement Plan Bethel Middle School 2018-2019

Purpose

Parents and community leaders play a crucial role in the success of our children’s education, and Bethel Middle School would like to encourage parents/community members to be full partners in the education of our children. To help accomplish this goal, the school has developed a parental involvement plan in compliance with **Act 603 of 2003**, **Act 307 of 2007**, and **No Child Left Behind Act** according the guidelines from the Arkansas Department of Education. We believe that student achievement will increase as a result of improved communication among all stakeholders.

Communication

In order to establish an effective parental/community involvement plan it is essential that communication between parents, schools, educators, and community members be frequent, clear and two-way. When we work as a team we help to strengthen schools, families, communities, and learning. Bethel Middle School will strive to strengthen communication through various methods as listed:

- Maintain school grades (e-School)
- School handbook
- Shadowing Program
- New Student Orientation
- Parent Open House
- Parent / Teacher Organization monthly meetings
- Quarterly and Interim Progress Reports
- CAP Conferences (Career Action Plan)
- Parent Center
- Email
- Phone Calls

The school will continue to communicate with parents through notices sent home, the local papers and media, and through parent/teacher conferences. Parents may also contact the school using the following district phone number, 1-866-707-5600. The district established this number so that parents would not have to make a long distance call in order to contact the school.

Parenting

In an effort to provide parents with essential tools to help with child-rearing, counselors are available to help parents with child-rearing skills, understanding child and adolescent development and setting home conditions that support children as students at each age and grade level.

- Bryant School District Parent Center- 501-653-5083
- School Website – Tips for Parents & Counselor’s page
- Parenting internet links
- BEMS Media Center available for Parent
- To provide assistance with nutritional meal planning and preparation

Student Learning

Bethel Middle School invites parents and community leaders to be involved in learning activities for children, including homework and other curriculum-linked activities and decisions.

- Guest Readers
- Career Day programs
- Field trips
- Special class projects
- Rti Intervention
- Special programs (drama, choir, band, chess club, FBLA, etc.)
- Guest speakers to share areas of expertise
- Homework Help
- Double Block Classes
- Study Skill Classes

Volunteering

Volunteering is an integral part of a good parental/community involvement plan. Parents and community leaders are encouraged to take an active role in school activities. The following are suggested ways in which parents and community leaders can help improve the learning process of our students:

- Guest Speakers
- Guest Readers
- Chaperone Field trips
- Engage in special class projects
- Shelve books in Media Center
- Help during Book Fair
- Help with club and team fundraisers
- Science Fair
- Spelling Bee
- Geography Bee
- Open House preparations
- New Student Orientation
- Registration
- Club programs
- Attend special class presentations and view student projects
- Assist with teacher copy needs
- Special Olympics Coaches

All volunteers are requested to sign in at the front office and receive a “Volunteer/Visitor” Pass. By doing this we will have a record of who volunteered, for whom, when and what was the purpose. A volunteer’s time and efforts are important to our students and appreciated by all stakeholders involved in the learning process of our children, therefore, we want to thank those who take time out of their busy lives to make a difference in the lives of our future leaders.

School Decision Making

In order to include families/community members as advisors in school decisions, Bethel Middle School encourages parents/community leaders to participate in the following forums, with the understanding that the principal is accountable for the operation of the school and has the final responsibility for all decisions made at the site.

- Handbook Revision Committee (each spring)
- School / district ACSIP committees
- Various Parental Organizations

Collaboration with the Community

Bethel Middle School strives to collaborate with community leaders and businesses in order to coordinate resources and services for the school, students, families, agencies, and other groups.

- Chamber Education Committee
- School / Club fundraisers
- Guest Speakers
- Guest Readers
- Special classroom project needs
- Special school project needs
- Student / family needs (coordinated with Parent Center services & school counselors)
- Special Student rewards donated through area businesses.

Bethel Middle School has an “open-door” policy in which we invite families and community members to be a part of the activities in which our students participate. This Parent /Community Involvement Plan is designed to strengthen participation and to help it grow. We welcome any suggestions that will make our plan complete and in compliance with the purpose of Act 603 and the ADE guidelines.

Please contact Mr. Chris Gabe, BEMS Principal, or Ms. Jamie Sheffield, BEMS Parent Coordinator, at 316-0937 if you have any questions regarding this document.

ACTIVITY	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DATE
Back To School Dance	Jamie Sheffield, Kaely Littleton	August 24, 2018
FBLA Membership Drive	Cheryl Harrell, Sheri Maxwell, Rachel Parker	August 20-31, 2018
NWEA Fall Diagnostic Testing	Bethel Teachers	August 22-September 5, 2018
Bethel Band Fall Fundraiser	Greg Gorder	August 31, 2018
Bethel Flee Market	Cheryl Harrell, Sheri Maxwell, Rachel Parker	September 15, 2018
4.5 Week Progress Reports	Bethel Teachers	September 15, 2018
Bethel Fall Book Fair	Ruth Johnson	September 21-28, 2018
Fall Pictures	Bethel	September 19, 2018
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Bethel Teachers	September 25, 2018
Fall Fest	Bethel	September 29, 2018
Quiz Bowl	Bethel	September 29, 2018
Mass Band Night	Greg Gordey, Sotonya Gordey, Jessica Chipman	October 5, 2018
Hornet Bowl	Bethel	October 11, 2018
Heroes for Hunger Food Drive	Bethel	October 11, 2018
Bethel Flu Clinic	Regina Babbitt	October 22, 2018
Cheer/Dance Pictures	Jamie Sheffield, Kaely Littleton	October 23, 2018
Halloween Spooktacular Concert	Greg Gordey, Sotonya Gordey, Jessica Chipman	October 30, 2018
Early Dismissal (Students)	Bethel	October 25, 2018
Report Cards Issued	Bethel Teachers	October 25, 2018
Quiz Bowl	Bethel	November 3, 2018
Cheer Competition	Jamie Sheffield	November 3, 2018
Basketball Tip-Off	Bethel	November 7, 2018
Cheer Competition	Jamie Sheffield	November 11, 2018
Thanksgiving Break	Bethel	November 19-23, 2018
NWEA Winter Diagnostic Testing	Bethel Teachers	November 26-December 5, 2018
4.5 Week Progress Reports	Bethel Teachers	November 28, 2018

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Cheer Competition	Jamie Sheffield	December 1, 2018
Basketball/Club Pictures	Bethel	December 6, 2018
Spelling Bee	Bethel	December 7, 2018
Jr. High Regional Band Auditions	Greg Gordey, Sotonya Gordey, Jessica Chipman	December 8, 2018
Cheer Competition	Jamie Sheffield	December 8, 2018
Best of Best Cheer Competition	Jamie Sheffield	December 11, 2018
Jr. High All Region Band Clinic	Greg Gordey, Sotonya Gordey, Jessica Chipman	December 14-15, 2018
Christmas Break	Bethel	December 24-January 4, 2019
Report Cards Issued	Bethel Teachers	January 11, 2019
FBLA Spring Membership Drive	Cheryl Harrell, Sheri Maxwell, Rachel Parker	January 14-25, 2019
Band Fundraiser	Greg Gordey, Sotonya Gordey, Jessica Chipman	January 18, 2019
Quiz Bowl	Bethel	January 19, 2019
Martin Luther King Holiday	Bethel	January 21, 2019
4.5 Week Progress Reports	Bethel Teachers	February 2, 2019
Spring Pictures	Bethel	February 7, 2019
President's Day (No School)	Bethel	February 18, 2019
Early Dismissal (Students)	Bethel	February 19, 2019
Bethel Concert Band Concert	Greg Gordey	February 21, 2019
Honors/Symphonic Band Pre-Assessment	Greg Gordey, Sotonya Gordey, Jessica Chipman	February 26, 2019
NWEA Spring Diagnostic Testing	Bethel Teachers	February 25-March 8, 2019
Bethel Honors/Symphonic Band Concert Assessment	Greg Gordey, Sotonya Gordey, Jessica Chipman	March 7-8, 2019
NAEP Testing 8th Grade	Bethel	March 8, 2019
Student Council Glow Party	Tammy Friend	March 8, 2019
Report Cards Issued	Bethel Teachers	March 14 2019
Bethel Honors/Symphonic Band Concert Assessment	Greg Gordey, Sotonya Gordey, Jessica Chipman	March 11-12, 2019

ACTIVITY	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DATE
Early Dismissal (Students)	Bethel	March 14, 2019
Spring Break	Bethel	March 18-22, 2019
Beginning Band Solo and Ensemble	Greg Gordey, Sotonya Gordey, Jessica Chipman	April 11, 2019
Good Friday (No School)	Bethel	April 19, 2019
4.5 Week Progress Reports	Bethel Teachers	April 26, 2019
Bethel Bands Spring Concert	Greg Gordey, Sotonya Gordey, Jessica Chipman	May 7, 2019
Bethel Instrument Drive	Greg Gordey, Sotonya Gordey, Jessica Chipman	May 13-14, 2019
Evening Art Show	Megan Frisby	May 13, 2019
Bethel Jazz Band Concert	Sotonya Gordey	May 14, 2019
Bethel Honors/Symphonic Band Concert Magic Springs	Greg Gordey, Sotonya Gordey, Jessica Chipman	May 18, 2019
Report Cards Issued	Bethel Teachers	May 24, 2019
Memorial Day (No School)	Bethel	May 27, 2019